# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Robert "Bob" Heesch has been a lifelong South Dakotan having been born near Elkton, South Dakota, in 1929; and,

***Whereas***, Bob volunteered for the United States Marine Corps at the age of 22 and served as an enlisted man in Korea during the Korean War from 1951 to 1952; and,

***Whereas***, Bob returned to the United States, attended the United States Marine Corps Officer School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant; and,

***Whereas***, Bob served in the Republic of Vietnam as a Field Grade Officer (Major) for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V attachment for Valor, retired from United States Marines Corps as a Colonel, and returned to live in Brookings County after serving his country for over 31 years; and,

***Whereas***, Bob was the lead individual for military funerals in Brookings County for 30 years from 1986 to 2016; and,

***Whereas***, Bob is a local member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corps League, and the Korean War Veterans Association; and,

***Whereas***, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone of this country, and it is a privilege to honor his success, his sacrifice, and his service; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Robert "Bob" Heesch for over 60 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state, country, and South Dakota's veterans:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State